

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) The refuse receptacle lifter assembly of claim 4 31, wherein said ~~track-member~~ carrier comprises a housing member fixedly mounted to the vehicle, a sliding member to which the receptacle lifter is secured, and ~~an~~ a hydraulic cylinder interposed between the housing member and the sliding member for moving the lifter assembly between the pickup and dumping positions.
3. (Original) The refuse receptacle lifter assembly of claim 2 wherein the housing member further comprises an elongated tubular member that receives the sliding member therein.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Canceled)
6. (Currently Amended) The refuse receptacle lifter assembly of claim ~~[[4]]~~ 1, wherein said lifter support member further comprises a pair of spaced-apart, horizontally oriented beams having an outboard end to which the receptacle lifter is secured and inboard end by which the lifter support member is pivotally secured to the ~~track-member~~ carrier, and ~~an~~ a hydraulic cylinder interposed between the ~~track-member carrier~~ carrier and lifter support member for moving the receptacle lifter between the stored and ~~retracted-dumping~~ operating positions.
- 7-14. (Canceled)
15. (Currently Amended) The refuse receptacle lifter assembly of claim ~~43~~ 33, wherein said lifter support member further comprises a pair of spaced-apart, horizontally oriented beams having an outboard end to which the receptacle lifter is secured and an inboard end by which the lifter support member is pivotally secured to

the ~~track member~~ carrier, and an a hydraulic cylinder interposed between the ~~track member~~ carrier and lifter support member for moving the receptacle lifter between the stored and ~~retracted dumping~~ operating positions.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) The refuse receptacle lifter assembly of claim [[4]] 31, wherein said lifter support member further comprises a pair of spaced-apart, horizontally oriented beams having an outboard end to which the receptacle lifter is secured and an inboard end by which the lifter support member is pivotally secured to the ~~track member~~ carrier, and an a hydraulic cylinder interposed between the ~~track member~~ carrier and lifter support member for moving the receptacle lifter between the stored and ~~retracted dumping~~ operating positions.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) The refuse receptacle lifter assembly of claim 49 35, wherein said ~~track member~~ carrier comprises a housing member fixedly mounted to the vehicle, a sliding member to which the receptacle lifter is secured, and an hydraulic cylinder interposed between the housing member and the sliding member for moving the lifter assembly between the pickup and dumping positions.

21. (Original) The refuse receptacle lifter assembly of claim 20 wherein the housing member further comprises an elongated tubular member that receives the sliding member therein.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently Amended) The refuse receptacle lifter assembly of claim 49 35, wherein said lifter support member further comprises a pair of spaced-apart,

horizontally oriented beams having an outboard end to which the receptacle lifter is secured and an inboard end by which the lifter support member is pivotally secured to the ~~track member~~ carrier, and ~~an~~ a hydraulic cylinder interposed between the ~~track member~~ carrier and lifter support member for moving the receptacle lifter between the stored and ~~retracted dumping~~ operating positions.

24-30 (Canceled)

31. (New) A refuse receptacle lifter assembly adapted for attachment to the front end of front load refuse collection vehicles of the type that are adapted to carry a collection container forward of the vehicle for the accumulation of a quantity of refuse before dumping into a collection cavity in the vehicle, the lifter assembly comprising:

(a) a receptacle lifter for engaging, lifting and inverting refuse receptacles; and

(b) a transporter adapted to be mounted at the front of the vehicle, the transporter including a carrier supporting the receptacle lifter and movable laterally between an extended pickup position in which the carrier extends substantially beyond a side of the vehicle to the pick-up position to allow the lifter to engage curbside refuse receptacles and a retracted dumping position in which the lifter is located in proximity to the collection container for dumping refuse from the refuse receptacle therein, said transporter comprising a lifter support movably attached to said carrier for moving said receptacle lifter between a stored position generally adjacent to the front end of the vehicle and an operating position spaced forwardly of the vehicle and laterally of the collection container, said lifter support being positioned generally adjacent to said carrier when said receptacle lifter is in the stored position and extending generally forwardly from said carrier when said receptacle lifter is in the position.

32. (New) A refuse collection vehicle comprising:

(a) a refuse collection vehicle including a front end, a rear end, two opposed sides, and a refuse receiving cavity;

(b) a lifter assembly carried by said vehicle at the front end thereof comprising:

(i) a refuse receptacle lifter for engaging, lifting, and inverting a refuse receptacle to dump the contents of the refuse receptacle into a collection container; and

(ii) a transporter located at the front end of said vehicle, said transporter comprising a carrier supporting said refuse receptacle lifter and movable laterally between a receptacle pick-up position in which the ~~track member~~ carrier extends substantially beyond a side of the vehicle to allow said lifter to engage curbside refuse receptacles and a retracted position in which the lifter is located in proximity to a collection container for dumping refuse from the refuse receptacle thereinto, said carrier comprising a fixed member mounted to the front end of the vehicle, a laterally moveable member to which the receptacle lifter is secured, and a hydraulic cylinder operatively associated with the fixed member and the laterally moveable member for moving the carrier between the pickup and retracted positions, said transporter further comprising a lifter support pivotally attached to said carrier for moving said receptacle lifter between a stored position generally adjacent to the front end of the vehicle and an operating position spaced forwardly of the vehicle and laterally of a collection container whereby said lifter assembly may be used to engage, lift and dump contents of curbside refuse receptacles and the like into a front loaded collection container.

33. (New) A refuse receptacle lifter assembly adapted for attachment to front

end of front load refuse collection vehicles of the type that are adapted to carry a collection container forward of the vehicle for the accumulation of a quantity of refuse before dumping into a collection cavity in the vehicle, the lifter assembly comprising:

- (a) a receptacle lifter for engaging, lifting and inverting refuse receptacles;
- (b) a transporter adapted to be mounted at the front of the vehicle carrying the receptacle lifter, said transporter comprising a lifter support movably attached to the front end of the vehicle for moving said receptacle lifter between a stored position generally adjacent to the front end of the vehicle and an operating position extending generally forwardly of the vehicle and laterally of the collection container, said lifter support being positioned generally adjacent to the front end of the vehicle when said receptacle lifter is in the stored position and generally forwardly from the front end of the vehicle when said receptacle lifter is in the operating position.

34. A refuse collection vehicle comprising:

- (a) a front end, a rear end, two opposed sides, and a refuse receiving cavity;
- (b) a lifter assembly carried by said vehicle at the front end thereof comprising:
  - (i) a refuse receptacle lifter for engaging, lifting, and inverting a refuse receptacle to dump refuse from the refuse receptacle into a collection container; and
  - (ii) a transporter located at the front end of said vehicle, said transporter comprising a lifter support movably attached to the front end of the vehicle for moving said receptacle lifter between a stored position generally adjacent to the front end of the vehicle and an operating position spaced forwardly of the vehicle and laterally of a collection container, said lifter support being positioned generally adjacent to the front end of the vehicle when said receptacle lifter is in the stored position and generally

forwardly from the front end of the vehicle when said receptacle lifter is in the operating position.

35. (New) A refuse receptacle lifter assembly adapted for attachment to the front end of front load refuse collection vehicles of the type that are adapted to carry a collection container forward of the vehicle for the accumulation of a quantity of refuse before dumping into a collection cavity in the vehicle, the lifter assembly comprising:

(a) a receptacle lifter for engaging, lifting and inverting refuse receptacles;

(b) a transporter adapted to be mounted in a generally transverse position at the front of the vehicle, the transporter including a carrier supporting the receptacle lifter and movable laterally between an extended pick-up position in which the carrier extends substantially beyond a side of the vehicle to allow the lifter to engage a curbside refuse receptacle and a retracted position in which the lifter is located in proximity to the collection container for dumping refuse from the refuse receptacle thereinto; said transporter further comprising a lifter support movably attached to said carrier for moving between a stored position generally adjacent to the front end of the vehicle and an operating position extending generally forwardly of the vehicle and laterally of the collection container.